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FOR: AG BASE SPUTTERING TARGET AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE

SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Official Action dated February 27, 2009, Applicants elect Group I, Claims I-6 and 9-11, drawn to a product of a silver alloy-sputtering target with uniform grain size.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits of Claims

1-6 and 9-11 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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